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SPERMATOZOA

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, Applicants are required to elect one of the following inventions of the claimed invention:

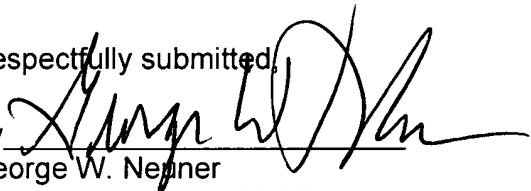
- I. Claims 1-2, drawn to a method for treating a semen specimen at a specified temperature;
- II. Claims 3-10, drawn to a method for treating sperm cells by separating semen;
- III. Claims 11-20, drawn to a method for increasing the probability of producing offspring of a desired sex;
- IV. Claims 21-27, 32-44, 49-53, 58-59 drawn to a method for separating a selected population of cells from, semen samples;
- V. Claims 28-31, 45-48, 54-57 drawn to a method of insemination; and
- VI. Claims 60-95, drawn to methods of treating sperm sample to increase the probability of producing a desired offspring.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group VI, claims 60-95, with traverse, for further examination in the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that all groups of claims are directed to substantially the same technical features and have unity of invention. For example, even the examiners description shows Groups I, II and VI are drawn to methods for treating semen. Thus, all claims should be examined together.

An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

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